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Arrivals.

April 27, HORATIO SPRAGUE, Amer. bark, 507, Sylvester K. Small, Newcastle, N.S.W., March 5th, Coal.—HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO.

April 27, CAROLINA, German bark, 450, H. E. Meyer, Bangkok, 17th, March, rice and flour.—OILER.

April 27, GULLWELL, British steamer, 2,725, N. W. Haslewood, Boulby 7th April, Galle 13th, Penang 18th, and Singapore 21st, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

April 27, HO-CHUNWA, Brit. str., 830, Drago, Liverpool 26th February, and Singapore 20th April, General.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

Departures.

April 27, HAILOONG, str., for Swatow, &c.

April 27, CHINKIANG, str., for Swatow and Shanghai.

April 27, RUSSIA, str., for Shanghai.

April 27, LEONOR, str., for Manila.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, APRIL 27TH.

Russia, str., for Shanghai.

Yutong, str., for Swatow.

Chinkiang, str., for Swatow and Shanghai.

Harlong, str., for Swatow, &c.

Paukong, str., for Macao.

Leonor, str., for Manila.

Glaucus, str., for Shanghai.

Passenger.

Per Grecian, str., from Bombay, &c.—For Hongkong.

From Southampton.—Capt. Howard, Messrs. Cray and Laidlow. From Brindisi.—Mr. Galton. From Penang.—15 Chinese. From Singapore.—19 Chinese.

From Southampton.—Misses Hopkins, Andrews, and Coulthard. From Venice.—Mr. and Mrs. Adkins. From Brindisi.—Misses Elspeth, Evans, and Hinkley.

For Yokohama.

From Southampton.—Mr. and Mrs. Grisby, Miss Reeves, Misses Rochester and Mrs. Grisby. From Brindisi.—Mr. and Mrs. McLean, child and maid. Miss Owen, and Miss Bennett.

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BIRTH.

At No. 1, Queen's Road East, on the 27th instant, the wife of Mr. ANDREW MILLAR, of daughter.

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The troopers Euphrates and Jumna, homeward bound have passed through the Canal.

The Fox, with the outward Australian mail, left Galle on the 12th instant.

A. Barron, of Bengal.

Cholera has broken out in the suburbs of Calcutta, and great uneasiness is felt lest it spread to the densely populated heart of the city.

We regret to learn that the Victoria Nymph has been wrecked, and three of her crew drowned; hopes are entertained of saving the vessel, should fair weather continue.

It is stated in the *Times of India*, received yesterday by the mail, that a venerable Mahomedan died at Ahmednagar, on 16th of last, at the age of 148 years.

We are informed that H.E. the Governor will honour the Chiarin Circus with his presence this evening. An excellent programme is offered, and we make no doubt that the performers will take care to be at their best.

Yesterday, there was one of the largest audiences we have ever seen on the Cricket Ground, to hear the charmers who displayed their skill.

We hope the public will continue to be present so as to encourage the band, and we trust there will be a continuance of the music every Monday, until the regiments disperse from that Colony.

Now comes to hand yesterday, to the effect that the steamer Macrory, got somewhat badly ashore on a reef at a place called Kanduva (Kandu) on the 23rd February. Assistance was rendered to her by two steamers in succession, and when left on the 23rd February, the Captain was confident that upon lightening her, she would float off Sydney without delay.

DA. LIVINGSTONE'S REMAINS.—The Englishman of March 24th, contains the following telegram:

We are indebted to the courtesy of Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., for the following copy of a telegram received late on Sunday night:

ADELAIDE, 23rd March.—Calcutta arrived Sunday evening, with Livingstone's body. The Calcutta is the B.I.S.A. Co.'s steamer from Zanzibar.

The *Times of India* should very much like to know why Hunter has not either confirmed or contradicted this statement—up to date not a single line has been telegraphed from Calcutta or Aden regarding the arrival at the latter place of Dr. Livingstone's body. A great deal has been written about Hunter's young man, but not much at all, as this latest blunder seems to show.The following telegrams from the *Times of India*, have not been published here:

THE BENGAL FAMINE.

CALCUTTA, March 29th.—The famine is very evident. In Birbhum large tracts of land are now entirely out of cultivation. Confidence in the Viceroy's determination to do everything possible to mitigate or avert the apparently inevitable trial of May and June is, however, unknown.

CALCUTTA, 4th April.—The famine expenditure is increasing at Darjeeling. Government is sending in large amounts of specie for the distrait relief system; and the amount will be still larger when the projects of serious famine are very severe, now in Mymensingh and Jumna-pur. The mounds of grain and jute are looking forward to with serious apprehensions. No energy of the officials there can overcome the effects of heat and rain—communication. The temperature is rising rapidly. In Darjeeling deaths are increasing in the districts of distant stations.

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Extracts.

THE STATUE OF BACCHUS.
BY UHLAND.
Translated by Mrs. E. F. Cooley, in *St. James's Magazine*.
Callipygian, my Attic youth,
After a night of fiery same-home,
With withered ivy twined among his locks,
Disorder'd, falling in the early dawn,
Himself like morning twilight wild and pale,
When through the lofty colonnade the slave
Lighted his master's way to seek his couch,
All suddenly in the bright, torch'd glare,
The marble form of Bacchus stood reveal'd,
Goliath, created by a master's hand,
In youthful beauty rose the shapely divine,
And through the wealth of long and curling locks
Gleamed forth the sculptured shoulder, mighty arch'd;
And 'neath the shade of a laurel wreath,
Of vine-leaves and rich clusters of ripe grapes,
Appeared the wine-god's round and blooming face,
Awe and adoration! Callipygian shrank and quaked
Before the vision's dazzling excellence,
It seemed to him, as if with Thysen's wond,
The god in punishment had touch'd his brow;
And if the smiling lips spoke merely:
"What doest thou here, then hellesst suffering ghost?
With brain derelict, shade of Krebs?"
Then had my heart ivy-breath protracted,
And call'd thyself my priest in the blosomy;
Away from me! I know not what thou art.
I am the father of creating nature."
Worth rich and bold in the nuptial blood
Of clustering grapes chiefly revels itself,
If they wild impales a god,
Seek him not on the sunny vine-clad hill,
Nor rather seek him in all Hades' night!
The god no longer spare, the torchlight died;
The youth, reproved and shamed, sto'd to his couch,
The wither'd ivy plucking from his brows;
And silently, in his soul's inner depths,
At that lone hour, he wov'd a secret woe.

AN AFGHAN ON NOTE-TAKING.
The Sardig brought us some fine notegays of blue violets, the familiar scents of which quite perfumed the room. He found me busily penning notes, and jocularly remarked: "I know you people always write down everything you see and hear, and afterwards publish it to the world. Now pray, Doctor Sulib, what have you been writing about?" This was an unexpectedly "home question; but following in his own merry mood, I evaded a direct reply by the remark that his observation was quite correct; that as a nation we were given to writing, and that with some of us the habit exceeded the bounds of moderation and utility, and was then called a *crocothea scribendi*. "Very likely, very likely," interposed the Sardig; "no doubt you people write a great deal more than is of any earthly use, but the habit is not without its merits. Now you will have doubtless written down all about the country you have come through, and will know it better than its own inhabitants." I here observed that, with the most careful and leisurely inquiries, we could hardly expect to attain to such perfection. "Nay, but, you do," said the Sardig; "you are going riding along and come to a village. To the first man you meet in it you say, 'what's the name of this village?' He tells you, and then you say, 'what do you call that hill?' and he gives you its name. Out comes your note-book, and down go the names, and hy-and-bye all the world knows that there is such a hill near such a village, a fact nobody else in the country is aware of except the inhabitants of the actual locality."

The Sardig was as much amazed by this telling *argutissime ad hancim* as we were, and added: "Now, by the way of illustration, I will tell you what occurred to me many years ago, when, as a young man, I went to Bangalore with a batch of horses for sale. An English officer who spoke Persian asked me one day about my country, and when I told him the name of my village, he turned it up in his map, and said: 'Yes, I see. There is a place near it called Ganda China.' 'No,' said I, 'there is no such place near it, nor even in the country!' 'There must be,' he maintained. 'Well, I consider it useless arguing the point, so remained silent, allowing him to have his own way. When I returned home and recounted my adventures in the Deccan, amongst others I mentioned this circumstance with no very flattering results to the English officer's obstinacy. 'You are wrong, Sardig,' said he (the respectful title by which Sardigs are addressed), 'said two or three voices. 'Ganda China is the briny bog at the further end of the hollow behind our hill.' 'Well,' said I, 'I never knew that before.' So the English officer, you see, knew what I did not of my native place." *From the Indus to the Tigris* by H. W. Bell.

MARY SOMERVILLE.
Malma de Stad, it was said, was "well known wherever she travelled, preceded by her reputation and followed by her son." Mrs. Somerville was at no period of her life rich enough to keep a *condon bous* in her kitchen, and probably would not have thought it "to spend her money in doing so had she possessed it." Her "recollections" tell us, however, that she learned the fine art of coquetry in her youth, and, the reminiscences of her friends seem particularly vivid concerning the table to which she invited them in Hanover-square and at Chelsea. The "Mechanics of the Heavens" never kept her son above the clouds as not to see and hear, taste, smell, and feel that was around her on earth. Birds were her unfailing pets, and on the pretty Parisian cape which mounted the wisa and venerable head, her guests often smil'd to see her mounted parrot perched in his glory. A pertinacious little white Pomeranian also had his full share of affection from the "Padron"; and, indeed, every animal with which she came in contact excited her interest. We have heard her describing a visit to a travelling menagerie with the enthusiasm of a child taken for the first time to the Zoological Gardens. Not was she so far above the feminine concern of dress as to be indifferent whether silks were rich and soft, or the muslins of the most delicate texture. With regard to lace, indeed, she was herself an admirable maker and mender, and some specimens of her work might be exhibited as curiosities. A story is told of a young lady, who while stopping at Mrs. Somerville's house, had the misfortune to tear some particularly fine old point. Naturally the last person in the world she would have appealed to for aid was her hostess, but the Misses Somerville observed at once, "Oh, never mind; when mamma has done that she's about the 'ill mend it for you so that you will not see where it was torn." So the lady watched "mamma," who happened to be solving some terrible problem, and when that was over, wrote a letter of thanks for some honourable the Emperor of Russia. Business done, Mrs. Somerville dropped her pen and donned her thimble (spectacles she never used or needed), and in a brief time retasted the best most delicate and perfectly repaired. The dress, however, was music. As we have seen, she described herself as "thumping" the piano in youth, but the superfluous energy so expended early gave place to a very sweet voice, and her taste was at all times excellent, and formed on the best school. As Beethoven was her composer, and music, as were Shakespeare, Dante, and Beethoven in poetry. All her life she continued at the piano, able to read these great books, which must have been confounded as "thumping" the piano in youth, but the superfluous energy so expended early gave place to a very sweet voice, and her taste was at all times excellent, and formed on the best school.

When she was a young girl, she never used or needed spectacles, and some specimens of her work might be exhibited as curiosities. A story is told of a young lady, who while staying at Mrs. Somerville's house, had the misfortune to tear some particularly fine old point. Naturally the last person in the world she would have appealed to for aid was her hostess, but the Misses Somerville observed at once, "Oh, never mind; when mamma has done that she's about the 'ill mend it for you so that you will not see where it was torn." So the lady watched "mamma," who happened to be solving some terrible problem, and when that was over, wrote a letter of thanks for some honourable the Emperor of Russia. Business done, Mrs. Somerville dropped her pen and donned her thimble (spectacles she never used or needed), and in a brief time retasted the best most delicate and perfectly repaired. The dress, however, was music. As we have seen, she described herself as "thumping" the piano in youth, but the superfluous energy so expended early gave place to a very sweet voice, and her taste was at all times excellent, and formed on the best school.

Not from the grand old master,

Not from the herbs anointing,

Who taught me to sing,

Down the corridor of time."

HAIR AS AN INDEX TO TEMPERAMENT.

GARDEN PARTIES.

Garden parties are not an innovation, they are simply an adaptation of older and more public festivities, and of festivities once confined to the higher ranks. Ancient Rome and medieval Italy indulged largely in exquisite luxuries, vapors given in the grounds of palaces and villas long become classic. A few centuries back London especially, and other large towns in their degree, were amply furnished with public gardens belonging to the different guilds and trades, in which the members, with their families and friends, took their pleasure and sport—temporarily or indiscriminately as it might be. These gardens I need not say, culminated in Vauxhall and Hanover, of which not only the glories but the very essentials have departed—for such people's gardens as are destined to exist in or near London, have no more affinity to Vauxhall and Hanover in their better days, than the old fair which were the great centers of commerce, and were visited without fail by high and low, are represented by modern fairs with a little trade and simple rejoicing, a good deal of excess, and some riot; the whole being confined to the humbler classes. No doubt there was enough and to spare of coarseness and violence in the old world and its demonstrations, whether of business or mirth-making, but these were the coarseness and violence of the present day, the good foreign gardens of the best clergymen and moralists, and of the most respectable citizens with their women kind. The very much played in them was of no unexceptionable character that Handel was the favorite composer, and accordingly a statue of Handel was erected in the grounds of Vauxhall. *Good Works.*

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